

Budget Analysis

City Must Deal with Defined Expense Needs from Recession

by James Giese

If you should face a drop in income because of a cut-back in hours, the downgrading of your job or a temporary layoff, the first thing you would probably do is hold off buying a newer car to replace your bucket of bolts. Or if your roof needed replacement, you would probably just patch the leak and hold off. The problem is your car may break down, causing you not to be able to get to work or a new roof leak will cause more damage to your house than the cost of replacement. These are not good choices to be confronted with, but you do what you have to do.

The City of Greenbelt, like many other jurisdictions, has faced a loss of income as a result of the 2008 recession. This significant problem never really happened before since Greenbelt became independent of the federal government. Other economic downturns slowed growth, but property values didn't drop and state aid wasn't cut back.

To maintain services as best it could, the city has done many things to hold back expenses and to raise revenues. And like the

typical homeowner, the city has held back on undertaking major purchases or putting aside monies to cover high-cost purchases needed in the near future. While this has not yet caused a major problem and the city is still in good financial shape, there is a growing need to undertake major expenses without sufficient funds to pay the bills.

Four Funds

The impact of the 2008 recession can be most easily seen by looking at four of the city's capital and specialty funds. These funds are a part of the city's overall operation although, for one reason or another, expenses and revenues are accounted for separately and not included in the General Fund that accounts for most of the cost of city departments and operations. Besides special revenue sources for these funds such as grants and bond issues, these funds also rely on transfers of monies from the General Fund.

In order to balance previous budgets and to keep tax increases to a minimum, General Fund contributions to the Replacement

Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, the Building Capital Reserve Fund and the 2001 Bond Fund were curtailed. The result is that these funds are insufficient to undertake each fund's established purposes and capital expenditures have had to be deferred.

Replacement Fund

The Replacement Fund was established in the city's early days. Replacing some pieces of city equipment can be very costly, although such purchases may be made only every 10 to 20 years. An account is set up for each major piece of city equipment and the estimated life span of the item and its estimated number of years of service are determined. Each year money is to be set aside for that piece of equipment so that by the time of replacement, the city has the funds available. This stabilizes the annual amount set aside each year and there are no extraordinary expenditures needing special funding.

According to the replacement schedule provided in the budget,

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Annual Case Load of 40,000 Challenges State's Attorney

by Stan Zirkin

State's Attorney for Prince George's County Angela Alsobrooks discussed and answered questions about crime trends in the county and recent developments and innovations at her office, which is charged with prosecuting criminal misdemeanors and felonies occurring in Prince George's County. At an April 8 Greenbelt City Council stakeholder meeting the full council was present as was City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager David Moran and Greenbelt Police Captain Marie Triesky. Assistant State's Attorney Christina Caron-Moroney accompanied and assisted Alsobrooks in her presentation.

Background

Alsobrooks attended Benjamin Banneker Academic High School in Washington, D.C., and received a B.A. in Public Policy from Duke University in 1993 and a law degree (J.D.) from the University of Maryland in 1996. She was a law clerk to Judge William D. Quarles, Jr., Baltimore City Circuit Court, from 1996 to 1997. Following this stint and prior to her election as state's attorney she served as assistant state's attorney for Prince George's County (1997 to 2002); education liaison for the Prince George's County executive (2002

to 2004); and executive director for the Revenue Authority of Prince George's County (2004 to 2010). In 2010 she was elected to the office of state's attorney, where she heads a staff of 97 attorneys. She was named as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by the Daily Record in 2014.

Case Load

The State's Attorney's Office of Prince George's County, according to Alsobrooks, has the second largest case load in the State of Maryland, with a total of approximately 40,000 cases a year – 30,000 in district court (misdemeanors) and 10,000 in circuit court (major felonies). Although her office's caseload is comparable to Baltimore City, they operate with far fewer attorneys (97 as compared to 200 in Baltimore City). The State's Attorney's office is divided into multiple sections and offices: Juvenile Division; Sex Crimes; Gun and Drug Unit; Homicide Unit; Grand Jury Unit; Victims Witness Advocates; Collateral Unit (dealing with violations of probation); Special Crimes (dealing with economic crimes such as identity theft) and the Strategic Investigation Unit (SIU) (dealing with violent repeat offenders and gang activity).

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Council Increases the Parking Fines, Amends Parking Code

by Kathleen Gallagher

The Greenbelt City Council spent nearly two hours over three of its regular meetings in February and March discussing a draft revision of Chapter 11 of the City Code (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), focusing almost entirely on laws regarding parking. Introduced for first reading at the February 9 meeting, the ordinance was again on the March 9 agenda.

After extensive discussion, council requested additional changes making it necessary to hold the ordinance over for another reading. At the March 23 meeting, it was adopted by a 6 to 1 vote.

Mayor Emmett Jordan had explained that the impetus for revising the parking code came about four years ago because of an incident brought to his attention. Councilmember Rodney Roberts had asked for parking code changes so that a resident moving in or out of Greenbelt would not automatically be cited and fined if a moving van were left parked overnight on the street in a residential area.

The city code prohibited the parking of large vehicles on the

street from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. or at any time on Sundays or holidays without written permission from the Police Department. Roberts argued that parking overnight was sometimes necessary, occasionally unexpectedly so, during a residential move. Since residents might not know permission was needed, the fine was unduly harsh and did not offer the most welcoming first or last impres-

sion of Greenbelt, he contended.

This part of the City Code had not been reviewed recently by staff of the Planning and Community Development Department, responsible for code and parking enforcement, so a comprehensive revision was undertaken. Staff recommended other changes to strengthen enforcement, including

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What Goes On

Saturday, April 18

10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Earth Day Watershed Cleanup, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Monday, April 20

7:30 p.m., Budget Worksession, Greenbelt CARES and
9 p.m., Budget Worksession, Planning, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Wednesday, April 22

8 p.m., Council Worksession, University of Maryland/Economic Development, Community Center

Thursday, April 23

7 p.m., Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Community Center

Saturday, April 25

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard

Virginia Beauchamp Honored By AAUW, Maryland, Others

by Amy S. Hansen

Virginia Beauchamp is the founding mother of the women's studies program at University of Maryland. She worked as a special assistant on women's affairs to the university president. And she was instrumental in the implementation of Title IX in our public schools.

These were a few of the many accomplishments and tributes paid to Beauchamp on April 13 as 40 women and men from many parts of her life came together in a program titled Celebration of a Lifelong Champion of Equity for Women, Virginia Walcott Beauchamp in her 95th Year. Held on the University of Maryland campus, and hosted by the American Association of University of Women (AAUW) and the President's Commission on Women's Issues, Beauchamp's champions left no doubt that her work has had an enormous impact on the campus and the state as a whole.

William "Brit" Kirwan, current chancellor of the University of Maryland System and former president of the university, said

he looked to Beauchamp for direction as he worked to improve women's role on campus. And Beauchamp led him toward hiring more women and making sure women had key places on committees. "I wondered," he said, "how such a soft-spoken person can get so much done?"

The answer is not only skill and intellect, it is also persistence.

It was persistence on her part that helped her start the Women's Studies Program at the university in the 1970s. The program doesn't just approach women's studies by looking at English literature, even though that is the subject of her own PhD. Rather, Beauchamp created a cross-disciplinary program that includes English, history, psychology, sociology and more.

"Virginia created a cross-campus linking," said Claire Moses, professor emeritus of Women's Studies at University of Maryland. "It was a radical element at the time, creating a program

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Letters to the Editor

Thanks

After two years, Annie Shaw, a founding coordinator of the Greenbelt Time Bank, is leaving our Core Leadership Team to embark on new adventures. The members of the Greenbelt Time Bank greatly appreciate the countless hours of volunteer work she has given to our endeavor. Annie’s leadership helped guide us through our infancy as we established a vibrant community where Greenbelt residents have the opportunity to share their expertise and skills gained from their life experiences. Her contributions will be felt by future Time Bank members. Annie vividly exemplifies the values and spirit of the Greenbelt Time Bank. Thank you, Annie, for your dedication, compassion, caring, patience and understanding.

Michael Hartman
Greenbelt Time Bank
Core Leadership Team

Disappointed

In the wake of the tragedies in North Charleston, Ferguson and New York City, citizens are looking hard at the leadership within the nation’s municipal police force and leadership within the towns themselves.

I am delighted to see that surrounding communities of Hyattsville, Edmonston, Bladensburg, Riverdale Park and the University of Maryland-College Park (which also polices College Park) have diverse police forces that reflect the communities that they serve. I am also delighted to see the diversity within other portions of those municipalities’ workforce, including their senior leaders.

The 2010 Census shows that 47.8 percent of Greenbelt’s residents are African-American, 14 percent are Hispanic and 9.7 percent are Asian. Yet, Greenbelt’s police force still does not reflect the diversity of our community.

As a Greenbelt homeowner, I am deeply saddened and very disappointed that in 2015 (50 years after the March on Selma and in the second term of President Barack Obama), Greenbelt’s appointed and elected leadership have not ensured that the city’s police force reflects the diversity of our community.

Kimberley M. Knox
Greenbelt East

Loud Festival Season Is Upon Us

We are moving into our fourth year with some of us trying to bring down the sound levels at Greenbelt festivals. And our work follows several years of the dedicated work of Greenbelt’s James Thompson.

We did make some progress regarding the 2014 Labor Day Festival, as signage and barriers strongly suggested that persons not get really close to the stage and the huge speakers. But work remains, since the sound levels still sometimes exceed 100 decibels or more in parts of the listening areas.

Most of us festival attendees are adults and have a “right” to damage our hearing as much as we please, just as we may legally self abuse with alcoholic beverages etc.

But at the same time we have an epidemic of excess hearing loss among our young people that

has been caused by earbuds, loud bands etc. The sound level has regularly exceeded 100 decibels in some audience locations at nearly all of the Greenbelt festivals I have attended.

So, what message does it send our young people when we, aged 19 to 89, apparently enjoy extremely loud music, not even caring to protect our own hearing? Do we even have a right to conduct such poor leadership? Notably it is well to understand that sound staff at a festival has no more responsibility to protect human hearing than a bartender has a responsibility to guarantee a safe ride home. It is also well to know that cheap earplugs and untrained users are a dangerous combination.

Abundant information can be found on the Internet – search children’s hearing, safe sound levels etc. DangerousDecibels.org is a good place to start. Suppose you have done your homework and you now know that (1) it takes only 15 minutes of exposure to 100 decibel (dBA) sound to cause a small amount of permanent hearing loss, and (2) that it takes less time than that for infants, children and adolescents. And suppose you want to get the sound level reduced at a festival. First find the manager, and, while baring your sound level meter (possibly a cellphone app), notify the manager that if the sound level is not reduced to 85 dBA, you and your family will boycott the festival.

Hopefully this year we will generate yet another way in which Greenbelt is great.

Bill Norwood

A Cat Café For Greenbelt?

Soon there will be a cat café in Georgetown (Search Crumbs & Whiskers) as there are in other U.S. cities, Japan, England. etc. But that’s not going to help the

cats and their appreciators here in Greenbelt.

While we do not have the customer base to support a full-time cat café, could we possibly do this on a small scale that might bring in cat appreciators and adopters to our present animal rescue facility, say during the existing visiting hours? No worry about food facility regulations and expenses, since food and drink for customers could be delivered by local interested businesses.

Other cat-helpful strategies could be implemented while a cat café is evolving. For example, could the City of Greenbelt pay some of the expenses incurred by animal rescue volunteers who have mercifully taken unadoptable cats into their homes (and may now have 7 or 8) to prevent their being killed. And might there not be an avenue for free adoption from within such a home whereby these cats, once better socialized, could be adopted, or perhaps released to a feral cat community?

And what about a retiree who loves cats, who could BE THERE for the cats nearly all of the time, and who might also enjoy the human company of possible adopters? And might that person not find an enhanced life, especially if the city were to help with the expenses?

And some of our neighbors have taken in cats showing up at their doors. They are volunteers too. Why wouldn’t it be reasonable

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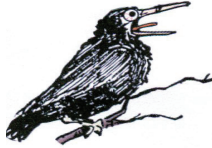
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– October 3, 2002

Vintage Jewelry Sale at Mishkan Torah

On Sunday, April 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Sisterhood at Mishkan Torah Synagogue will sponsor its open Annual Vintage Jewelry Sale.

A wide array of vintage and

costume jewelry will be featured, including handcrafted, semi-precious items. There will also be a minor jewelry repair station.

Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

GHI Notes

Saturday April 18, 11 a.m.,
Pre Purchase Orientation, Board Room

Tuesday April 21, 7:30 p.m.,
Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Wednesday April 22, 7 p.m.,
Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday April 23, 7:30 p.m.,
Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session), Board Room

Friday April 24, OFFICE CLOSED, Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011

Saturday April 25, GHI Informational Meeting, (Frame Homes 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Brick and Block Homes 2 to 4 p.m.), Greenbelt Fire House

Sunday April 26, 2 p.m.,
Woodlands Plant Swap, GHI Administration Building

Boxwood Village Scholarship Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a resident of Boxwood Village. It is available to graduating high school seniors and to full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship has been funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood Booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

The application form should be completed and returned by June 30. A scholarship committee composed of five Boxwood Village residents will choose this year's recipient. For further information and/or to pick up an application form, call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597 or Brenda Cooley at 301-345-1388.

Cajun Jam At New Deal

On Wednesday, April 22 a free Cajun Jam will be held for dancers, musicians and listeners at the New Deal Café from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Socializing will begin at 6 p.m. Beginners are welcome. For more information visit newdealcafe.com.

MakerSpace Hosts Mini Maker Faire

The Greenbelt MakerSpace is excited to host the second Greenbelt Mini Maker Faire on Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A Maker Faire is the Greatest Show and Tell on Earth – a family-friendly festival of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, and a celebration of the Maker movement. Part science fair, part county fair and part something entirely new, Maker Faire is an all-ages gathering of tech enthusiasts, crafters, educators, tinkerers, hobbyists, engineers, science clubs, authors, artists, students and commercial exhibitors. All of these makers come to Maker Faire to show what they have made and to share what they have learned.

Our mini version of the faire is a small community event, with local people and companies meeting up at Roosevelt Center Plaza. There you will see a DIY outdoor antenna and software radio capable of tuning in a wide spectrum of broadcasts from amateur and citizens' band radio to television broadcasts and weather radio. On the broadcast side, we'll show you how to make your own low power radio station!

If you're interested in traditional crafts, we'll have jewelry makers and an old fashioned metalsmith. Come ready to get your hands on some of the tools and participate in the activities. And we have not left out the art! We have both professionals and youth groups wanting to show you their masterpieces. Speaking of youth, we have lots of fun activities planned including a massive experiment in cardboard fort building. We can never have enough materials, so please bring your own cardboard and decorations to style your construction.

More information about the exhibitors and stage schedule can be found at faire.make125.org.

– George Boyce

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The club meets every Wednesday at the Community Center. We welcome guests and new members. Come and take part in luncheons, bingo, trips and interesting programs.

Remember, a cool mind and a kind heart make a wonderful combination.

After the long, cold winter, spring is here. Enjoy the sunshine and all the lovely flowers and trees here in Greenbelt and all the activities at the Golden Age Club.

Greenbelt Pride Meets April 19

The Greenbelt Pride Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 19 in Room 202 at the Community Center from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The group is looking for help to plan for the year ahead and wants input. Come socialize with friends and share ideas. If the weather's nice we'll head outside to the park after the meeting and/or get dinner at the New Deal. All are welcome.

Lions Club Seeking Donations for Eyes

The Greenbelt Lions Club will be requesting donations in front of Greenway Center's Safeway and the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket April 24 to 26. All the money collected will be given to the Wilmer Eye Clinic of The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. These funds help finance their research programs and support Wilmer's low-vision outreach program LOVERNET, which helps people with low vision capabilities to function in society. There is a special relationship between the Wilmer Eye Clinic and the Lions Clubs in Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

Free Nutrition/Wellness Seminars

Greenbelt Community Center
Contact:
rjohnson@muih.edu
for program information

Neighborhood Watch Training Offered

Greenbelt CERT is hosting a Neighborhood Watch training on Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the Greenbelt Police Station. The instructor will be George Mathews of the Greenbelt Police Department.

Those who have questions or would like to attend this free training can email greenbeltcert@gmail.com so they can get a count of how many people will be attending.

Help The Lions Help the Blind White Cane Days

April 10, 11, 12, 24, 25, 26
Entrance to Safeway & CO-OP

WHITE CANE DAY

DEL-MAR-VA DG CLUB

All American: Elegant, Art Deco, Depression-Era China, Glassware and Pottery Show & Sale

Sat. April 25, 10 am - 5 pm
Sun. April 26, 10am - 3 pm

Duval High School
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Lanham, MD. ADM: \$4.00
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e-mail: ybrian@verizon.net

Mishkan Torah's 12th Annual Jewelry Sale
Sunday, April 19, 2015, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Come Look! Find Bargains! Have Fun!
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD
www.mishkantorah.org 301-474-4223

Greenbelt Nursery School's Tortoise and Hare 5K Run/Walk

Saturday April 25, 8am, around Greenbelt Lake.
1K Fun run 9am - \$5

Packet pickup Friday April 24 from 5-7:00 pm
Saturday April 25, 7:00 am at Greenbelt Nursery School
Advance registration \$20; Race Day registration \$25
Online Registration Ends April 23 at www.webscorer.com

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by Betty Ladas and Billie Colombaro
directed by Billie Colombaro

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Sunday, April 19 and 26 at 2:00pm
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\$18 Students/Seniors/Military,
\$14 Youth (12 and under with adult)

COMING SOON

Celtic Concert by the Homespun Ceilidh Band - May 1
A Raisin in the Sun – May 15-June 6 directed by Rikki Howie Lacewell

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Book a seat at greenbeltaccess@gmail.com

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WEEK OF APRIL 17

FRIDAY – SATURDAY

Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2, PG-13 (!)
11:50, 2:10, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
Unfriended, R (!)
11:30, 1:40, 4:10, 7:20, 9:20
Furious 7, R
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It Follows, PG13
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Home, PG
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Get Hard, R
11:30, 1:50, 4:40, 7, 9:30

SUNDAY – THURSDAY

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Obituaries

Donald Evans

Donald E. Evans, 57, formerly of Berwyn Heights, died on March 12, 2015.

Donnie grew up in Greenbelt. He attended St. Hugh's Catholic School, DeMatha High School and went on to own his own electrical contracting company. His greatest joy was his family. He was also an avid fisherman and hunter.

He is survived by his daughters, Michelle (Billy) Keen, Rebecca Evans and Kathie (Kevin) Conor; his grandchildren, Gabrielle, Allison, Nathan and Kevin; and his siblings, Mary Jo (Larry) Jones, Martin Evans and Laura (Bryon) Reed. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Donnie was preceded in death by his wife Susan Dunn Evans; his parents, Donald Evans and Shirley and Lawrence Palmer; his brother, Paul Evans and stepbrother Wayne Palmer.



Condolences to family and friends of Greenbelt pioneer, Dale Jernberg, Sr. who died April 5, 2015, at the age of 91.

Our sympathies on the death of Donald Evans, 57, of Greenbelt, who died March 12, 2015.

Congratulations to:

– the SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) club from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, whose group portrait was placed on Beltway Plaza's "Local Heroes Wall of Fame" in a ceremony held March 26. The group was honored for their work in peer-to-peer leadership and events to help students make ethical and safe choices in their lives – not just about drinking and driving but including other dangers such as drugs and bullying. SADD is the first student group to be honored on the wall, which highlights individuals or groups having a positive effect on their communities. The SADD group's sponsor is retired ERHS English teacher Joanne Read.

– Virginia Beauchamp; in anticipation of her 95th birthday. She was honored by the College Park AAUW at Maryland for her lifelong work on women's issues. At Maryland she is recognized as the mother of the women's studies program. In Greenbelt she is a senior copy editor for the News Review, having served also as reporter, board member and, earlier, the editor.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards and honors to share with our readers. To send us information for Our Neighbors, email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Dale L. Jernberg, Sr.

Another Greenbelt pioneer left us when Dale L. Jernberg, Sr., died on April 5, 2015, at his home in College Park, at the age of 91. He was born on January 15, 1924, in Clayton, N. Mex., the middle son of Carl and Beatrice Jernberg. In 1936 he moved with his parents and brothers Kenneth and Wayne (both now deceased) to Washington, D.C. and in 1938 the family settled in the new town of Greenbelt, original residents of 11-M Ridge Road.

Mr. Jernberg attended Greenbelt High School, graduating in 1940. He served in the Navy as a Yeoman First Class and was honorably discharged due to a disability in 1942. He married his first wife, Mary Virginia, that same year. The marriage lasted nearly 60 years and produced nine children, seven daughters and two sons. After Mary's death he remarried, and Robbie's two sons joined the family.

Mr. Jernberg obtained degrees in both accounting and law from George Washington University and was a member of the Bar in both the District and Maryland. He had a long career in the trust department of the National Bank of Washington, eventually becoming president of the bank before his retirement in 1980. He continued to practice estate and trust law for many years. He was a former Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 2577 of Bowie and a former president of the University Club of Washington, D.C.

With this impressive resume, it is no wonder that in 1982 Greenbelt High alumni selected Dale Jernberg as the chairman of the committee to plan the first all-class reunion of the school, which existed from 1939 to 1951 and included students from Berwyn and Beltsville as well as Greenbelt. The next year, school system changes resulted in our former school building being occupied by Greenbelt Junior High, while high-school students from Greenbelt went to the new Northwestern High in Hyattsville. After many planning meetings of the reunion committee, which included representatives of each class of the 12 years of the school and were held at Dale's big home on Greenbelt Road, the reunion was held in October of 1982 at the Conference Center of the University of Mary-



land, and was a rousing success for both alumni and teachers, many of whom attended and met old friends they had not seen in years.

A second all-class reunion was held at the same place in May 1994. Donnie Wolfe (GHS '45) was chairman of that committee, and Mr. Jernberg was treasurer. That event was even grander and better attended than the 1982 reunion, as we Greenbelt High alumni grew older and more appreciative of how lucky we were to go to that small school where we made lifetime friends and everybody knew everybody else. In my own case, 1994 was the 50th anniversary year for my class of 1944, and we had a special brunch meeting and celebration the next morning, with speeches by two of our favorite teachers, Miss Violet Younger and Miss Rose Nudo, who were both there with their husbands.

As Mr. Jernberg's wife Robbie Jernberg, who survives him, told me, Dale always loved Greenbelt and stayed close to his Greenbelt roots. Other survivors are the 11 children: Patricia Yeatman, Katherine Gore, Susan Jernberg, Lynne Boileau, Dale Jernberg Jr., Glenn Jernberg, Ellen Wilkinson, Elizabeth Rudiman, Angela Roberts, Jason Jones and Travis Jones, 34 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held at Ascension Catholic Church in Bowie on April 10, with burial at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring. The family suggests that donations in Mr. Jernberg's name could be made to the University Club Foundation, 1135 16th St. NW., Washington, DC 20036 or Hospice of the Chesapeake, 90 Richie Hwy, Pasadena MD 21122.

– Kathleen McFarland

Christianity And...

Nietzsche: April 22

The Will to Power

Camus: May 6

Absurdity & God

Poetry: May 20

Words, Rhythm & Prayer

2015 7:30pm

at Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road

Greenbelt, MD 20770

301-474-4212

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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

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301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Seniors Present Research Projects

Eleanor Roosevelt High School will hold its annual Research Practicum Symposium on Friday, April 17. The event showcases the year-long projects conducted by the seniors in the science and technology program.

Posters will be on display in the Media Center from Tuesday, April 14 through Friday April 17.

The Symposium will begin at 11:45 a.m. in the school auditorium. The presenters were selected through an audition process and include Matthew Forbes, Holly Hughes, Avery Pennewell, Michael Stevens, and, in two group projects, Pendo Abbo and Joshua Kawasaki, and Bukola Anifowoshe and Aiysha Scott.

After the presentations, a poster session and reception will be held in the Media Center until 3 p.m. The public is welcome and there is no fee.

Plaza Carnival Begins

This week there will be a carnival at Beltway Plaza sponsored by Beltway Plaza and the Greenbelt Lions Club. The carnival will begin on Wednesday evening, April 15 and will be in town for one week. It will close at the end of the evening of April 22.

Writers Group Meets on April 17

The Greenbelt Writers Group meets Friday evening, April 17, at the Community Center, starting at 7:30 p.m. Spontaneous writing will be featured. Members may also read from their works in progress. Writers of all genres are invited to participate in the Greenbelt Writers Group. The group meets the third Friday of each month.

For more information contact Mary Moien at mmoien@aol.com

Blood Donation

The American Red Cross encourages eligible blood donors to make a difference in the lives of patients this spring by giving blood. Donated blood is perishable and must be constantly replenished to keep up with the demand. Red blood cells, with a shelf life of only 42 days, are the most frequently transfused blood component and are always needed by hospitals. Donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative.

To find a donation opportunity or make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcross-blood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)

Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff, Pastor

prod-i-gal

ˌprā-di-gəl

adj. - characterized by profuse or wasteful expenditure.

Greenbelt Baptist Church will be exploring the idea of a prodigal God by reading Timothy Keller's book *The Prodigal God* and how the gospel is not only for the sinner but also for those who trust in their damnable good works. Please write to sjunthank@gmail.com for more information.

101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770

(301) 474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org

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Municipal Building

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Depression Glass Show on April 25

The Del-Mar-Va Depression Glass Club's 80th Show and Sale will be held Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at DuVal High School, 9880 Good Luck Road. Dealers at the show specialize in All American Pattern, Elegant, Art Deco and Depression-Era glassware, china, kitchenware, barware, pottery, books and linen collectibles.

Every Del-Mar-Va Show features a special display of some specific pattern, color, theme or function. This year Celebrate Good Times is the theme, in recognition of the club's 80th Show and Sale. Members will provide a display of wide-ranging shapes and functions including punch bowls, cake plates, beverage sets, decanters and other appropriate special occasion delights.

Among the items showcased in the display will be a rare Imperial Glass Candlewick two-level tidbit in emerald green, a Cambridge Glass Gloria center-handled server in light emerald with gold encrusting, a glazed Stangl deviled egg plate with roosting hen and several show-stopping punch bowls and sets by New Martinsville (Radiance) and Duncan & Miller (Tear Drops).

In keeping with the celebration theme, there will be birthday cake plates, anniversary salvers and beverage sets and decanters, such as a McKee Lifesaver or Donut decanter in ruby red, and several combination glass and chrome Farber Brothers beverage sets for swank and festive holiday gatherings.

The club continues to offer its popular identification service to those attending. Glass and pottery identification is performed by club members and dealers, ready and eager to acquaint the owner with newfound knowledge of their belongings. If you have been wondering for 30 years whether your inherited beverage set, vase or ice bucket is really the treasure you have always considered it to be, bring it along and the mystery may be resolved while you browse the show.

There is an admission fee. For directions and information, call 301-565-2361 or 410-263-4192 or email ybrian@verizon.net.



Display featuring a set of Depression glass.

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Every Thursday
10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
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City Information

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20-25

Monday, April 20
7:30pm: Budget Work Session re Greenbelt CARES
9:00pm: Budget Work Session re Planning
Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Both meetings will be covered live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Wednesday, April 22 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/University of Maryland/Economic Development** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, April 23 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd., Room 103. On the Agenda: Discussion on FPAB woods clean ups, Review of Management and Maintenance Guidelines: a. Valerie presenting "Executive Summary" and "Statement of Policy," Review Pumpkin Walk Reports

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

Artist's Studio Space Available

Through the City of Greenbelt's Artist-in-Residence Program
Greenbelt Community Center
Apply by May 8. New residencies begin in July.
24-hour access. 10' X 17' plus common areas.
\$179.45/month plus deposit.
Details and application at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts
301-397-2208

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee

For information call 301-474-8000.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Public Works Yard

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items.
Bring your items to Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end, expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6) – NO cups, egg-cartons, nor food trays.

PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU WANT TO DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS, IF YOU HAVE MULTIPLE STYROFOAM PIECES, OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.

For further information, contact the Greenbelt Sustainability Office at 240-542-2153

Registration for Bike to Work Day 2015 is now open!

 Register at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org/ and remember the first 14,000 registrants are eligible for a free t-shirt.

FREE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TRAINING

Monday, April 20 at 7:00pm
Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road
Multipurpose Room
Hosted by the Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
The instructor will be George Mathews of the Greenbelt Police Department.

For City activities and information visit www.greenbeltmd.gov
Facebook: www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt
Twitter [@cityofgreenbelt](https://twitter.com/cityofgreenbelt)

Earth Day Watershed Cleanup Volunteers Needed!

Saturday, April 18
10 am – 1 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Bring your work gloves and water bottle.
Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes you don't mind getting dirty.

Attention Students!

Community Service Hours will be given. Bring your forms!

Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt in partnership with the Chesapeake Education, Arts & Research Society (CHEARS) and the Alice Ferguson Foundation.

Questions? Comments? Contact Volunteer@CHEARS.org



<http://trashnetwork.fergusonfoundation.org/event/2665/show>

OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR GREENBELT CARES FAMILY COUNSELING

Greenbelt CARES offers a Family Counseling Clinic on Wednesday evenings, 6pm to 9pm. Services are free of charge for Greenbelt residents, and for those in several zip codes surrounding the city. CARES currently has no waiting list, so immediate appointments are available. Families who are in need of parenting support to effectively manage academic, behavioral, or other issues impacting their young children or teens can contact the agency at 301 345-6660. In addition to CARES usual Family Clinic, two staff counselors are also offering Parent Child Interaction Therapy, which specifically addresses the needs of children ages two through six.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT GREENBELT CARES AT 301-345-6660

Greenbelt Animal Shelter

550-A Crescent Road 301-474-6124
Open Wednesdays 4-7pm and Saturdays 9am-12pm



Wishes is a 5 year old, short-haired orange and white tabby with a happy personality. He is a larger sized cat, but is sweet and friendly and gets along well with other cats. Wishes likes hanging out and takes an interest in what's going on. Wishes loves treats and playing with the laser toy. Come and adopt this cutie today!



Macy: At 3 years old, Macy is a friendly girl with a gorgeous, smooth coat and bright green eyes. Macy likes to give nose kisses and enjoys being petted. Macy does well with other cats and would also be fine by herself. Come and see this beautiful girl!

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!
See pets at www.greenbeltmd.gov/animalshelter

SAVE THE DATES...

Shredding Day...May 2 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
Parking lot behind the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union at the Roosevelt Center: 112 Centerway.

Artful Afternoon...May 3 from 1-4pm at Community Center featuring alight dance theatre performance.

Public Works Open House from 10am-2pm and Celebration of Spring from 10am-2pm...Both on May 16.

More information to come...

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the city should be setting aside \$402,000 each year to assure funding of needed replacements. This year, City Manager Michael McLaughlin has proposed a General Fund contribution of \$150,000, an increase of \$50,000 over the previous year. From this fund he proposes purchasing replacements for a 19-year-old backhoe at a net cost of \$100,000, a 10-year-old refuse packer truck at \$180,000 and some smaller equipment for a total budgeted expense of \$394,600. If all is done as proposed, the year-end balance of the Replacement Fund will be about \$76,000.

Scheduled for replacement in the following fiscal year is a list of equipment with a cost totaling \$751,600 and the year after that a list costing \$667,900, a total of \$1,419,500. Without reserves available, the city would need to increase its General Fund contribution from the \$150,000 budgeted to about \$575,000 to make the purchase. The reality is that this probably won't happen and replacements will be deferred – making the potential cost of replacement in future years even greater.

At a minimum, the General Fund contribution for this year should be McLaughlin's suggested \$402,000 instead of the \$150,000 he proposed, a shortfall of \$252,000.

Capital Projects Fund

The Capital Projects Fund has a similar story. The city has a substantial infrastructure of roads, parking lots, parks and buildings that it must keep up and as these facilities age, major maintenance or reconstruction will be required to keep them in good, useable condition.

It became a council decision many years ago that if sufficient funds were set aside each year for capital expenditures, the city could gather together enough funds to do major projects on a cash basis, avoiding borrowing money and paying interest. Initially, the council decided to allocate each year to the Capital Projects Fund the yield of a seven cent property tax rate (or 2.8 cents based on current assessment valuations) for financing capital expenses. However, the council later agreed to make appropriations of varying amounts.

For fiscal year 2016, McLaughlin has proposed a city contribution of \$405,000, a \$55,000 increase from the current year but less than the \$450,000 actually contributed for fiscal year 2014. He hopes some anticipated year-end surplus can be applied to this year's contribution and possibly in future years.

Grants

McLaughlin also hopes to obtain \$556,700 in grants for the Capital Improvement Fund, and if so, he proposes undertaking a list of projects totaling \$1,147,800. However, \$450,000 of that total is for parkland acquisition at an undesignated location in an essentially built up or planned for building up the city. If done, these expenses would be offset by Program Open Space grant funds received.

Projects proposed to be funded fully or partially this year with additional funds allocated in future years, are: bus shelters, street improvements, miscellaneous concrete replacement work, implementing the pedestrian/bicycle master plan, playground

improvements, reconstructing the Buddy Attick Park parking lot, upgrading gateways to the community, improving Greenbrook trails, and reconstructing stream valley bridges (between Lake-wood and Woodland Hills).

Additional projects planned for the following four years are: regrade Hanover Parkway swales, upgrade the animal control facility and resurface tennis courts.

The budget contains a list twice as long of unfunded projects. For these, no cost estimates have been provided. Some items listed are: Greenbelt Lake dredging and relining the inlet pipes at the bay end of the lake, recoating the foam roof of the Youth Center, either build an addition to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center or undertake improvements to the old Greenbelt Middle School for use by Greenbelt West, replace the stage floor at the Community Center gym, undertake phase two at the Greenbelt Theater, upgrade the Roosevelt Center Mall behind the statue, add new fencing and water amenities at the Aquatic and Fitness Center, create Municipal Building expansion and raise the gym roof at the Youth Center. Other possibilities are to light Schrom Hills fields, adding trails and security cameras to it and to add lights to McDonald Field.

McLaughlin expressed the hope that the legislature will provide more Highway User funds to the city, estimated at \$265,000; he proposes that these funds then be allocated to the Capital Fund Account. That would be a big help, raising the total city allocation to \$670,000. However, these funds will barely touch the long list of potential projects, even if some are eventually determined not to be really needed.

Capital Reserve Fund

This fund was established to repair and replace major mechanical, plumbing, electrical and roofing systems in the city's 11 buildings totaling 191,000 square feet again with an annual set aside to enable funds to be available when expenditures occur. For FY 2016, McLaughlin proposes improvements to the Community Center's heating, ventilating and air conditioning system at a cost of \$395,000 with a Program Open Space grant paying 75 percent of the cost.

At the Aquatic and Fitness Center, \$690,000 is to be spent to replace the pool's roof, again with Program Open Space paying 75 percent of the cost. City funds are to pay for an additional \$63,000 of improvements there.

A Maryland Energy Efficiency grant is to pay for \$50,000 worth of energy efficiency upgrades to buildings.

While the total budget of \$1,198,000 is impressive, especially when it utilizes a transfer from the General Fund this year of only \$100,000, the fund balance will be reduced to only \$22,000, assuming no cost overruns.

This budget does not identify future building improvement needs for this fund.

2001 Bond Issue Fund

Greenbelt voters authorized the issuance of \$3.5 million in city bonds in order to undertake four projects: the expansion and renovation of the Public Works facility, an addition to and renovation of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, renovation of the Green-

belt Theater and a variety of improvements including traffic calming in Greenbelt East. The \$3.5 million amount proposed by city staff and council proved inadequate to accomplish the projects. The Public Works facility improvements alone cost almost \$5 million. The Greenbelt Theater cost estimates were also too low with the first phase of that project, now nearing completion, costing close to \$1.8 million.

More in line, however, were the Greenbelt East improvements at almost \$500,000. With proposals for the city to take over the old Greenbelt Middle School for city use and even to tear down the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, the plans for an addition to the Center have been deferred and are no longer proposed to be funded by this bond issue. The total fund expenses are now estimated at over \$7.1 million.

The city was able to obtain some offsetting grant funds, mostly for the theater, but the total obtained is estimated to be only a little over \$600,000. The city was also able to earn good interest on the investment of bond proceeds during the more than five years it took to begin major construction of the projects, earning more than half a million dollars.

That added revenue was not nearly enough to offset cost overruns, however, leaving the fund with a deficit of \$2.4 million. Over the years, funds have been transferred to the fund from other funds and, in the new budget, McLaughlin proposes transferring another \$700,000 from the General Fund. That leaves an

end-of-FY 2016 fund deficit of almost \$850,000.

Unmet Funding

If you add together Replacement Fund insufficient funding of \$252,000 and the 2001 Bond Fund projected deficit of \$850,000, not to mention possible unidentified needs for the Capital Improvement and Building Capital Reserve Funds, you reach a total unmet need of more than \$1 million. The needs for these four funds could be financed by increasing the property tax rate, an alternative the city council and many residents would be loath to do.

Or the makeup monies could be taken out of the city's undesignated, unreserved (surplus) funds, reducing a projected healthy \$3.8 million amount constituting 16.4 % of budgeted expenditures. Or you can put off funding these capital expenses and hope the old jalopy doesn't break down and that the roof doesn't spring a leak.

New Deal Is Looking For Artists for Show

Calling all artists! There is still time to enter artwork in the New Deal Café's May/June group show. The theme of the show, which will accompany the Green Man Festival, is Water. The deadline for submissions is April 24. See the ad below for details.

The art show program at the New Deal Cafe is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA) with support from the City of Greenbelt.

At the Library

Through Saturday, April 18. Poems have been hidden throughout the library. Fill in the missing words on scavenger hunt sheets by finding the poems.

Read to Rover

Saturday, April 18, 2 p.m. Read to Rover is for children ages 6 to 11 and helps them build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required. Call the library at 301-345-5800 for details.

Lecture Series

Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m. Death or Freedom: The End of the Civil War and the Coming of Reconstruction will be the next session of the spring season in this audio-visual lecture series presented by C.R. Gibbs, renowned historian of the African Diaspora.

Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m. Come join the library's Adult Book Discussion on the debut novel Ghana Must Go by Taiye Selasi.

Those customers who have read the book, and want to discuss it, are welcome to participate. Copies of the book may be available at the branch's Information Desk through April 20th.

Earth Day

Wednesday, April 22, 4 p.m. It's Earth Day! Learn one way to recycle one's magazines by making paper beads which can be used for bracelets and other jewelry designs.

Escape the Volcano!

Saturday, April 25, 2 p.m. Don't blow your top! Join us at the Greenbelt Library to participate in this shape game with your family.

Artists! Call for Entries: Group art show

May/June 2015
to accompany the annual
Green Man Festival

This year's theme is
"Water"
in all its forms

For more information see:
<http://www.newdealcafe.com/events/art.php>

The art shows at the New Deal Cafe are sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA), with support from the City of Greenbelt.

The show will be on display for the months of May and June in the New Deal Cafe. The reception will be Sunday, June 7, from 3-5:00 pm.

- 2-dimensional art work in all media is welcome for submission. A display case is available for 3-dimensional art work, for pieces no larger than 10" x 10".
- All 2-dimensional art work must be hooked, wired, and ready to hang.
- This exhibit is limited to artists 18 years and over.
- Please submit a digital image of the work you would like to have considered for the show to newdealcafeart@yahoo.com (up to 4 entries per artist).
- Please include the title and size of each art work submitted.
- Deadline for submission for the show "Water" is Friday, April 24, 9:00 pm. Artists will be notified about acceptance of their work by Monday, April 27.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please send e-mail to newdealcafeart@yahoo.com or call (301) 474-5642 to speak with Meg Haney.

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Crime Trends

Alsobrooks noted the well-publicized drop in crime over the past few years. On a county level, she observed, homicides declined 40 percent and overall crimes declined 37 percent over the last year. (See March 29 News Review regarding Greenbelt crime statistics). Of those crimes that had to be litigated, Alsobrooks remarked, her office achieved successful results in 93 percent of homicide cases, 85 percent of sex crime cases and 75 percent of all crimes involving violence.

Of particular interest was the success of the SIU. As noted, that office prosecutes gang activities and violent repeat offenders and coordinates on a regular basis with the FBI and the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Maryland. The SIU, euphemistically known to defense attorneys as the Bad Boys Club, is vertically organized, so that its attorneys and support staff take cases from the initial investigation through indictment, trial and sentencing. During the past year the office, among other things, successfully prosecuted Marvin Reyes-Mendoza, a member of the MS-13 gang, for a variety of violent crimes, including attempted murder, first degree assault, participation in a criminal gang and related charges. That February 2014 conviction led to nine further indictments in federal court of suspected gang members for racketeering.

Community Outreach

Alsobrooks noted that although prosecution of crimes is her office’s primary function, attempting to prevent crimes before they happen is equally important. To that end her office has sponsored a number of programs and seminars for youth in an effort to provide mentors, to promote self-esteem and to educate them on how to avoid violence such as date rape. There has been a special emphasis on young women, who are the fastest growing segment of the prison population. Among the many programs sponsored by Alsobrooks’ office is I Belong Here, an effort to persuade youngsters to stay in school and reversing peer pressure to drop out, and Back on Track, a program for first time non-violent drug dealers who plead guilty but have the opportunity to have their convictions erased by participating in jobs and social service counseling. The educational activities sponsored by her office are open to all in the community and are publicized through local television stations and other media.

Mental Health Issues

Several councilmembers asked about mental health issues, which have led to the death of seven children during the past year through family-related criminal activity. In particular, Councilmember Silke Pope asked Alsobrooks how this could be avoided and why health care professionals should escape responsibility for failing to report potential homicidal threats.

Councilmember Judith Davis interceded that the traditional confidentiality surrounding patient-physician communications prevented such disclosures. Alsobrooks agreed with Davis but

pointed out that legislation had been introduced in Annapolis this year to modify HIPPA confidentiality obligations where an imminent danger to lives was present. That legislation, however, was not passed.

Alsobrooks further observed that 35 percent of the homicides last year were domestic, that violent actions by women are increasing and that mental health issues appear to be implicated in many of these situations. There seemed to be no disagreement that additional resources are needed to address Maryland citizens’ mental health issues. To this end, the State’s Attorney’s Office is sponsoring a Family Summit program in October in an effort to strengthen families and to educate them on how to defuse potentially violent family situations.

Publicizing Arrests

Mayor Emmett Jordan, Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Davis mentioned the John Able petition presented to council seeking the mandatory disclosure to the public of charges against individuals related to pornography and child abuse and asked for Alsobrooks’ views. Alsobrooks noted that fundamental fairness dictated that only convictions, not mere accusations, be publicized and that premature disclosures could significantly impact lives and families by stigmatizing them even if the charges were ultimately found to have no merit. This paralleled the conclusions reached by various committees appointed by council to study the issue. Caron-Moroney added that charges are generally publicized on the internet but that details of the investigation are not shared in order to protect potential witnesses and the investigative process.

Municipalities

Councilmember Edward Putens inquired as to the extent to which Alsobrooks’ office worked with municipalities such as Greenbelt. Alsobrooks replied that one of the goals of her office is to work more closely with these entities in order to ferret out issues that may be of particular concern. Captain Triesky added that communications she had with fellow city officers and detectives indicate that working with the State’s Attorney’s Office has been a very positive experience.

Drug Laws

Roberts asked if the recent change in marijuana laws in Maryland, making possession of small amounts a civil matter rather than a criminal offense, has had an impact on her office’s operation. Alsobrooks replied that there has been a dramatic reduction in cases (approximately 8,000). This has freed up her attorneys to pursue other criminal prosecutions.

Change in Gun Laws

Councilmember Konrad Herling asked if the recently enacted Gun Safety Act in Maryland has had an impact on criminal activity. Alsobrooks stated that she was not sure if it helped or not but lauded two aspects of the law – one preventing those convicted of violent crimes from purchasing guns and requiring fingerprinting to help avoid “straw purchases,” and another tightening the re-

strictions on gun purchases for people with documented mental health issues.

Although she has a hectic work schedule Alsobrooks finds her job “exciting and fulfilling” and says that she will continue to make every effort to assure that her office’s prosecutions are done fairly and effectively. As she states on her website, her goal is “[t]o seek justice for all through firm, fair and consistent prosecutions with the highest level of integrity and professionalism.”

Alvin Hargraves’ Death

During the course of the meeting this reporter asked Alsobrooks about the status of the prosecution against Sebastian Isaksen, the person accused of hijacking an ambulance and crashing it into the car of Greenbelt resident Alvin Hargrave, resulting in his death on December 14, 2014. (See articles in News Review December 18 and December 25) Alsobrooks was unable to recall the details of the case. However, the next day, the following facts were gleaned from Assistant State’s Attorney Caron-Moroney and the Prince George’s County Circuit Court internet docket. Isaksen was indicted on 28 criminal counts, including murder in the first degree, carjacking, assault and driving while intoxicated and impaired by drugs. Bond was denied. The criminal trial is currently scheduled for August 17 to 19, 2015.

National Day of Silence

The public schools' possibly illegal National Day of Silence, Friday Apr 17, will tend to promote homosexual behavior and thinking among youth not yet ready for sexuality. It may be well for your child to be kept home from school on that day if his or her school will be participating.

<http://barbwire.com/2015/04/12/0640-10-reasons-why-christians-should-boycott-the-day-of-silence/>

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The New Deal Café

Sunday, April 26th 1 to 3 PM

Come Celebrate National Poetry Month and the Poetry Moment Project

113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt

Reception for Poets

Refreshments

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Music

For More Information contact Leeann at paxirwin@yahoo.com or call 301-801-9922

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increasing fines and the city's authority to impound unregistered, disabled and out-of-state vehicles, as well as those with multiple unpaid violations.

New restrictions were also added for commercial vehicles in residential zones and the operation of "curbstoning," the unlicensed selling of vehicles from residential locations.

While many particulars were discussed over these meetings, three areas emerged as of greatest concern: objections, primarily from Jordan, to increasing fines; the potential impact of new restrictions on the parking of smaller commercial vehicles on residential streets overnight; and the need for further revisions beyond those drafted by staff to address the situation originally raised by Roberts about overnight parking of an oversized rented moving van.

New Parking Fines

The base fine for parking violations was raised from \$40 to \$50. The fine for violations of parking restriction in a fire lane or obstructing a fire hydrant was raised from \$100 to \$250. Those fines had last been increased for Fiscal Year 2016.

The fine for parking in a handicapped space remained unchanged at \$250. The fine for violations of the section of the code on oversized vehicles was increased from \$100 to \$250. The fine for repeated parking of vehicles in violation of state law regarding out-of-state registration was increased from \$280, as set in 2007, to \$500. Impounding authority was also established for such vehicles.

Celia Craze, director of planning and community development, explained the time periods before larger fines or impounding occur, as well as the difficulties the city has with enforcement for certain violations.

Although her explanations satisfied most councilmembers, Jordan objected particularly to increasing penalties for residents parked with out-of-state tags who are not in compliance with state law. Craze explained that the law does not affect students or members of the military and that enforcement has been a perpetual problem for the city. "We need a bigger hammer," she said. Other councilmembers pointed out that the city's portion of the Highway User Revenues returned to local governments by the state is calculated on the basis of auto registrations, so these illegal cars cost Greenbelt taxpayers money in more ways than one.

Craze also commented that there is never a good excuse for parking illegally in a handicapped space or in a fire lane.

Although there was disagreement among councilmembers regarding the effectiveness of increasing fines if impounding was already to be increased, all councilmembers except the mayor supported the changes.

In addition to increasing fines, the number of violations at which a vehicle can legally be booted was reduced from three to two,

and the fine for removing a boot was increased from \$100 to \$200.

Small Trucks & Vans

The most controversial of the changes drafted by staff turned out to be the new language restricting overnight parking of commercial vehicles on residential streets. Roberts was vehemently opposed, saying that as drafted the law would forbid residents like himself from parking at home at night in the commercial vehicles they drive back and forth to work. "People have to make a living," he said.

Frank Gervasi, a Greenbelt resident and contractor, addressed council in support of Roberts' position. He said his own truck and many others he is aware of would be ticketed and possibly impounded under the proposed law, which is not limited to the kinds of very large vehicles that are understood to be unacceptable, such as semis, tow trucks or cranes. Rather, the law would also snare smaller trucks and vans with ladders and other equipment and advertising signage that are able to park overnight on residential streets now.

Gervasi said those vehicles are not interfering with anyone, unless they offend someone's sense of aesthetics "because they are not Mercedes or late-model BMWs." Gervasi recommended striking that section of the code and rewriting it without including "pickups and ½-ton trucks that aren't bothering anyone."

Councilmember Leta Mach said she agreed that the wording on the commercial trucks was a problem, adding that there is a printing truck she sees around town that would be prohibited by the regulations. On the other hand, she said she was quite willing to support the increase in fines.

The mayor asked Craze what the motivation was for the change on commercial vehicles. She said it was because her office regularly receives complaints, but she immediately proposed a change in the language that satisfied everyone and would allow the smaller trucks and vans to remain on the street legally.

Moving Vans

Returning to the original impetus for this ordinance—ticketing residents with smaller moving vans parked overnight on a residential street—Craze explained that writing code to allow for an exception to overnight truck parking for moving is difficult. Because it is a very narrow exception, she thought that rather than trying to put it into law, it would be better handled by allowing greater flexibility to the parking enforcement officer in evaluating and handling the situation. Roberts had suggested issuing a warning instead of a citation, but since the parking official has no way of knowing what the plans for the vehicle are in the absence of the operator, that is not practical.

Craze suggested that the department implement a policy to guide parking enforcement staff on council's desired procedure.

Most of council was amenable to this suggestion, but Roberts initially rejected it, saying a policy would not be strong enough or guarantee the same level of staff attention that codification would. By the March 23 meeting, however, Craze had drafted policy for council review that was acceptable to Roberts and generally praised by councilmembers for its content and tone.

In response to a question from Councilmember Konrad Herling about the general intention of the code restrictions on size, weight and classification, Craze said they were driven by the size of existing parking spaces on the city's residential streets, as well as an effort to have vehicles parked on residential streets be of a size that is compatible with the traffic on those streets. She added that vehicles that are too wide can also obstruct traffic and vision.

Councilmember Judith Davis had asked at the February meeting for clarification on the vehicle classifications in the code, which she said most people would not understand. Craze reported that in the process of reviewing the classifications, staff decided to further revise that piece of the city's parking code to align with the State of Maryland code. Not only do those changes simplify the city's code but, according to Craze, also strengthen it.

Greenbelt Library's Green Initiative

Earth Day is right around the corner, April 22, and celebrates its 45th year. The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) was recently awarded a Certificate of Environmental Stewardship from WGL Energy because 10 percent of the energy used by the library is generated by wind. As stated on the certificate, this energy conservation practice by the library system equals "the removal of 121 cars off the road for one year or not consuming 64,833 gallons of gasoline."

PGCMLS promotes the green initiative at all of its branch libraries through recycling, LED lighting retrofitting and environmentally friendly cleaning materials. The new and renovated branches are designed with conservation and sustainability in mind. The new Laurel branch will have solar panels and charging stations for electric vehicles.

Bike Tour April 18

On Saturday, April 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. the National Greenscape Corridor Bike Tour will explore three historic and cultural landscapes. This guided tour will include informative stops at Arlington National Cemetery, the National Mall and the National Arboretum, where there will be refreshments and activities. The tour is free, but registration is required.

For more information or to register call 202-245-5898. Meet at BicycleSPACE, 440 K Street NW.



PHOTOS BY PENNY MARTIN

Billie Colombaro, right, directing MerryRose Howley and Aref Dejeni in a scene from *Choking Out the Kudzu*.

Review

Choking Out the Kudzu

by Jim Link

Choking Out the Kudzu: The Will and the Courage is a dramatic musical depicting the deepening friendship of Bessie Ryan and Stella Pierce.

Aging, flinty, depressed Bessie is unceremoniously dumped into an old folks home by her negligent son Martin. Busy, younger, harried housewife/real estate saleswoman Stella takes time from her unappreciated efforts to please her obtuse husband Frank and her self-absorbed children (Robin and Adam) to cheer up Bessie.

The two click and thrive. Stella lightens Bessie's bleak loneliness; Bessie injects Stella with a sense of her true worth, encouraging her to write and sing songs for a Broadway talent agent. Together they give each other the will and the courage to follow the promptings of their better angels.

Add the friendship of the old folks home's African-American cleaning lady Gardenia and you have a mutual admiration society of three strong women.

Set in Louisiana, *Kudzu* has southern charm with real bite – part *Steel Magnolias*, part *I Am Woman, Hear Me Roar*.

Co-authors Betty Ladas and Billie Colombaro had a hoot writing the play, not that it was easy. They began in 1992 and "after lots of wine and many years later" they gave staged readings in 2007 in New York City and in Nashville in 2014. It's fair to call the Greenbelt Arts Center production, with sets, lights, no hand held scripts – *Kudzu's* debut.

Producer Ladas wrote the music and lyrics of the 25 songs; director Colombaro and Ladas

both wrote the book.

Kudzu is a rapidly growing, invasive, toxic weed that kills the trees it overshadows. Without sunlight, trees (and humans) die.

Trying to help Stella shake off her timidity and shed her sterile, Sisyphean routine, Bessie chides her: "You are so full of can'ts! Your (prison) bars are your own self-doubts. You are your own kudzu."

BJ Bergman Angstadt (Bessie), Joy Gerst (Stella) and Tia Rountree (Gardenia) have great chemistry and are hilarious in their hip-hop parody *Kudzu*. That damn rap crap looked darned good.

MerryRose Howley is excellent as Stella and Frank's nubile, pouty, narcissistic daughter. Her rendition of *Big Tattoo*, with its sexual innuendo, is impressive. And Stella's rendition of *Uncontrollable*, aimed right at clueless hubby Frank, is terrific.

Aref Dejeni (Frank) finally wins a smidgen of sympathy with his plaintive version of *Gone*. Cole Sitilides (whiny young son Adam) and Tom Howley (negligent adult son Martin) do yeoman work as disagreeable spawn.

The production staff includes many capable luminaries: Penny Martin, Joe Wall, Trix Whitehall (Sound Design); Sandy Irving, Bob and Wynne Kleinberg (Lighting); Bruce Angstadt (Set Construction and Design).

This richly satisfying tale of a woman who takes risks and leaps into the unknown is playing at GAC at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 17, 18, 24 and 25 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 19 and 26.



BJ Bergman Angstadt as Bessie Ryan and Joy Gerst as Stella Pierce, share a moment.

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that escaped the boundaries of the disciplines.”

It was also with persistence that she worked on Title IX issues in the Maryland public schools, according to Linda Shevitz, a gender equity in education specialist who works with the state. Beauchamp’s work has led to equity not only in sports, but also in access to classes and celebration of women’s accomplishments at a statewide level. It is also with persistence, skill and finesse that she has served on the Greenbelt News Review staff since 1957.

Beauchamp was inducted into the Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame in 2003. Her citation there notes she “is a pioneer, risk taker, intellectual with a vision and has given women the power to believe they have a history to be proud of, and a future to believe in.”

On April 13, the AAUW was giving back to Beauchamp her own history, one that makes women and men proud of our community.



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Virginia Beauchamp, 94, is greeted by University of Maryland System Chancellor William E. "Brit" Kirwan at a celebration held to honor her lifelong work championing equality and equity for women. The event celebrated her upcoming 95th birthday and was sponsored by the College Park branch of the American Association of University Women and the University of Maryland President’s Commission on Women’s Issues on April 13, 2015.

Volunteers Needed For Stream Cleanup

Volunteers are needed to help with a stream cleanup on Saturday, April 25, at Indian Creek at the intersection of Sunnyside Avenue and Edmonston Road (Kenilworth extended). The cleanup, to be held from 9 a.m. to noon, is co-sponsored by the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group and Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek. It is being held in conjunction with the Anacostia Watershed Society’s 2015 Earth Day Cleanup & Celebration.

You can register for the event and get more information online at anacostiaws.org/earthday2015/. Select Upper Beaverdam as the site to register for this cleanup. All participants will receive a T-shirt and can attend a post-cleanup celebration at Bladensburg Waterfront Park.

Community service hours are available for high school students. All participants under 18 must bring a waiver signed by a parent or guardian, and participants under 15 must be accompanied by an adult. You can download the waiver form from the website.

All participants should wear cleanup-appropriate clothing, including long pants and closed-toe shoes.

For more information, contact Tom Taylor at tomtaylor0401@gmail.com or 301-513-9524.

Planting Trees, Planting Hope

Join the Greenbelt Climate Action Network on Sunday, April 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Greenbelt Youth Center Multipurpose Room to hear the inspiring story of the establishment and growth of an ecological and humanitarian effort that is protecting animals and improving living conditions for some of the world’s poorest people. Aviram Rozin will share innovative techniques for planting trees and conserving water in some of the harshest and most arid corners of the world, as well as pioneering methods for growing sustainable communities.

Rozin is the founder and director of Sadhana Forest, a vegan volunteer community and non-profit addressing issues of deforestation and climate change in India, Haiti and Kenya. Eleven years after its founding and with the help of thousands of international volunteers, Sadhana Forest teaches vegan permaculture and sustainable living, increases plant-based food security, reclaims wasteland to productivity and restores groundwater levels, all of which help to raise local living standards.

For more information, contact Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, at lore@simplicity-matters.org or 301-345-2234.

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

DWI/DUI

April 2, 7:48 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. A 45-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with alcohol- and traffic-related charges after being stopped because of a traffic violation. She was released on citations pending trial.

April 4, 10:55 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A 35-year-old resident was arrested and charged with alcohol- and traffic-related charges after an officer saw the vehicle leave a parking spot with a rear door still open and a passenger fell out. He was not injured. The driver was released on citations pending trial.

Theft

April 6, 5 p.m., 99 Centerway. A cell phone and money were removed from an unattended backpack at the Youth Center. The next day the owner recovered the phone from a youth there. The youth then left the area but was located in 4 Court Gardenway. He is a 17-year-old resident, arrested for theft and released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

April 2, 4:30 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. A woman reported that a letter left in the lobby of her apartment building for the postal carrier to pick up was stolen.

Burglary

April 2, 9:03 p.m., 900 block Springhill Drive. A woman in her bedroom heard voices through the partially opened bedroom window. She looked out and saw two men, one attempting to pull the screen away from the window. When they saw her, they fled on foot.

April 3, 11:59 p.m., 5900

block Cherrywood Lane. A man inside his residence heard voices coming from the balcony. He looked out and saw two men on it and the balcony door ajar. The security chain was still latched and intact. Both men left the balcony and fled in the company of two additional men.

April 6, 3:37 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. Money, two televisions, jewelry, and a watch were taken from a residence. Entry was possibly gained by way of a door accidentally left unsecured.

Vandalism

April 7, 11 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A vacuum cleaner was used to break out a window of a residence.

April 8, 2:53 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. The side of a building was spray painted with graffiti.

Vehicle Crime

In the 7300 block Morrison Drive a GPS, back pack, school books and spare keys were taken. Means of entry is unknown but once inside, a spare set of keys left in the car were used to start and move it across the street.

In the 900 block Cherrywood Terrace rear tag Md. 8BM4678 was taken.

Vandalism was reported in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A man reported that on April 2 he was involved in a verbal confrontation with two men over a parking space. On April 4 he noticed a large scratch along the side of his vehicle. One man is described as being black, 5'11" tall, 125 pounds, wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans. The other man is described as being black, 5'4" tall 120 pounds, wearing a blue shirt and blue pants.

Reel & Meal At New Deal

The Monday, April 20 feature of the Reel & Meal at the New Deal Café will be Divide in Concord. The free show starts at 7 p.m., optional vegan buffet (for a fee) begins at 6:30 p.m.

Divide in Concord is a feature-length documentary that follows the entertaining tale of the battle of banning bottled water in small town America. The year was 1775 in Concord, Mass., when colonists fired the infamous 'shot heard round the world' that began the American Revolution. One hundred years later, the work of local resident Henry David Thoreau began the environmental movement. And now, the spirit of revolution has returned to town. Jean Hill, a fiery 84-year-old widow and mother of four, wants to ban the sale of bottled water from Concord. Her path begins when her grandson tells her about the disastrous environmental effects of the empty plastic bottles. Jean presents a bylaw to ban the sale of single-serve plastic bottles at the 2010 and 2011 Town Meetings. After losing by seven votes in 2011, she vows to continue the crusade with neighbor and Harvard Law graduate Jill Appel. If enacted, the law would be the first of its kind in the world. But all are not in agreement with the ban. Merchants are wary of the bylaw. Philanthropist, mother, model and celebrity publicist Adriana Cohen takes the fight to the spotlight, calling the ban an attack on freedom. With billions of dollars at stake, The International Bottled Water Association sends in the cavalry. April's Town Meeting provides the stage for Concord's latest battle. From the town that began America and environmentalism, springs a new revolution.

For more information on this month's event, contact Susan Barnett, susnbarn@earthlink.net.

Lakewood Citizens Upset By Speeding on Greenhill

by Kathleen McFarland

At their meeting on Monday, April 13, Lakewood residents again discussed the issue of speeding cars and buses on Greenhill Road, the main road through their community. The discussion hit home when a letter was read about an incident one resident had survived which had happened that morning.

The resident avoided a head-on crash with a county school bus only by driving her own car up the curb, causing damage to her car. She believes the bus had stopped at the one stop sign on Greenhill, but then picked up speed near the curve, and might have been going as fast as 35 miles per hour. The bus was being driven in the middle of the road to avoid a legally parked pick-up truck and just missed hitting the resident's car head-on. The bus, traveling toward the elementary school with children on board, did not stop. The resident was not injured, but she was badly shaken and her dog, riding in the passenger seat, was thrown into her lap.

It is yet to be determined which police department, Greenbelt or Prince George's County, will investigate this incident.

One attendee at the Lakewood meeting then left the meeting to go to the city offices, where the council was about to meet, and read the resident's letter about the incident to council during the Petitions and Requests agenda item. Council appeared to be deeply concerned. The Lakewood group is asking for a meeting with city officials to seek solutions to the speeding and other traffic issues on Greenhill Road.

The Lakewood meeting at the Baptist Church continued, ending in reaffirming the present officers for another year. They are: President, Daniel Gomez; Secretary, Sue Zuk; Treasurer, Shirley Pray.

Another topic on the agenda was the Lakewood-wide yard sale this Saturday, April 18, and placement of signs at the intersection of Crescent and Greenhill

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Upcoming Events at the New Deal

Thursday, April 16, MidDay Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Open Microphone hosted by Joe Harris from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, April 17, John Guernsey plays American standards on the piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Orchester Praževica perform Slovak, Gypsy songs and Gypsy jazz from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 18, Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by Guernsey playing jazz piano from 7 to 8 p.m. The Muddy Crows make their debut at the New Deal Café from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. This Americana/RootsRock band was recently voted Best Local Original Band of 2015 by the Washington City Paper. Dinner reservations are recommended for this all age show.

Sunday, April 19, the Deaf Brunch will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Kids' Open Microphone will be from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Angela Blueskies and Friends bring sacred medicine songs and mantras from around the world to the Café from 3 to 5 p.m. Fez Tones Hafla perform Middle Eastern music and belly dance from 6 to 8 p.m.

Monday, April 20, Reel & Meal will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., with a vegan buffet for \$14

starting at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21, Poetry Open Microphone from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22, the monthly Cajun Music Jam is from 7 to 9 p.m. Bring an instrument and join in!

Kids' Open Microphone

There will be a Kids' Open Microphone at the New Deal Café this Sunday, April 19, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The event takes place on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Children age 17 and under are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, juggle, recite a poem or otherwise perform. Please note that there will not be a Kids' Open Microphone in May. For more details contact Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or annegrndnr@yahoo.com.

National Poetry Month will be celebrated at the New Deal Café on Sunday, April 26, from 2 to 4 p.m., with a reception featuring poetry readings, music by the Not Too Cool Jazz Trio and refreshments. All are invited to this free event. Poets whose works have been displayed during the past year in the Poetry Moment Box, located outside the Café, will be present to read their poems. There will also be an open microphone for other poets to read their work.



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Again, I would like to thank you for your very important past, as well as your continued support during our Annual General Fund Drive.

Regards,

Brian T. Rudy
President
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.

ERHS SADD Chapter Inducted Into Beltway Plaza Hall of Fame

by Naema Ahmed

Eleanor Roosevelt High School’s chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) was inducted into the Wall of Fame in the Beltway Plaza Mall on Thursday, March 26.

The SADD chapter, totalling about 40 students, aims to encourage students to make good decisions and spreads awareness of the negative effects bad decisions can have on them and society.

More than 30 people attended the induction of the youngest members on the wall, including SADD members, proud parents and teachers, SADD sponsor Joanne Read, ERHS Principal Reginald McNeill, Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmember Judith Davis.

“I wanted to be active in high school and when I heard our announcements about joining SADD, I knew I wanted to join and make a difference in my school’s community,” said Phuong “Lien” Tran, president of SADD. The student group runs campaigns such as getting students to pledge not to drink and drive in exchange for candy, said member Gavelyn Flores. Recently, SADD held an assembly to show students the real life consequences of making bad decisions, allowing people to share personal stories with the student body, said Tran.

SADD was nominated to be on Beltway Plaza Mall’s Wall of Fame by police officer John Rodgers, who works as the security officer for ERHS. The Wall of Fame started in March of 2013. “The Wall of Fame was created to honor local citizens and hard work that goes unnoticed,” said Janubi Devendra, director of marketing at Quantum Companies, owner of Beltway Plaza Mall.

At the induction ceremony, Marc “Kap” Kapastin, of Quantum Companies, commended SADD for encouraging positive decisions in society.

“We wanted to work with ERHS and came across SADD,” said Devendra. “We realized it was a great opportunity to showcase their cause and their work at such a young age.”

McNeill commended SADD members for their courage in talking to their peers about issues that need to be addressed. “Seeing this award on the wall shows what ERHS does,” said McNeill.

“I feel so honored because everyone here that was inducted before has done so many great things, and I feel so happy to be recognized and to be a part of this great organization,” Tran said.

Naema Ahmed is a journalism student at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.



Marc Kapastin of Quantum Companies introduces the new faces on Beltway Plaza Mall’s Wall of Fame.



Phuong Lien Tran, student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and president of Students Against Destructive Decisions, speaks at the chapter’s induction into the Wall of Fame.

PHOTOS BY NAEEMA AHMED

Busboys and Poets Offers Free Concert

Rogue collective presents Common Tone: AMPLIFIED on Sunday, April 19 at 7 p.m. at Busboys & Poets in Hyattsville. Performed with bold visual projections, the free program features the collaboration of electronic music and acoustic instrumentation through original compositions and contemporary classical music, including Steve Reich’s Different Trains.

UMD Theatre Group Performs

The Terrapin Theatre Troupe presents its spring show at 2 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 18 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 19 in the Cafritz Foundation Theatre of The Clarice. The show, entitled [title of show], a hilarious contemporary musical about the writing of a hilarious contemporary musical, is free but tickets are required; go to tickets.theclarice.umd.edu.

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING


Thursday, April 23, 2015

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Request from the Friends of the Greenbelt Theater for a Donation
- 2014 Audit Report Presentation
- Review GHI’s 2014 Investment Performance Report
- Request to Transfer Semi-Annual Plant Swap Activities from the Member Outreach Committee to the Woodlands Committee
- Review Report from the Member Outreach Committee Re: “How to Increase Member Involvement”
- Proposed Homes Improvement Program Motions for a Membership Vote
- GHI’s Participation in 2015 Labor Day Festivities

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Greenbelt’s New Deal Café Celebrates 20 Years

by Eli Zimmerman

One of Greenbelt’s most notable watering holes, the New Deal Café, celebrates 20 years of business and a promising future after years of financial struggle.

Located in Roosevelt Center, the Café, split into two main rooms adorned with pictures of the Roosevelt family and old black and white photos marking the town’s early years, serves a variety of pastries, sandwiches and hot and cold drinks.

What sets the Café apart from some of the other restaurants in Greenbelt is that the New Deal Café is a community owned cooperative. All employees are volunteers and residents of the community, and all profits are put back into the restaurant, said Meghan Haney, the Café’s art director.

The Café is a registered member of the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance, a group that supports local cooperatives and plans city events sponsored by them.

New Deal Café has especially deep ties to the community, as citizens have saved it from bankruptcy and closure multiple times over the last 20 years, according to Amethyst Dwyer, the music coordinator and bar manager.

Dwyer recalled the sacrifice and support that Greenbelt residents gave to keep the Café going during particularly hard times, something she will always be grateful for.

“People kept coming in night after night after night just to keep it afloat.” Not only did community members volunteer their time, but some citizens took out loans to help support it financially, said Dwyer.

The hard work is starting to pay off, however, with 2015 marking the first year the Café has earned enough profit to not only keep its head above water, but to invest in renovations and improvements to the building.

While there is no denying that the combination of a warm chicken gyro and a fresh square of baklava – both are served in the Café – is enticing, the main draw is live music and performances, according to Dean Boyd, a Greenbelt resident. “The quality of the entertainment amazes me sometimes,” said Boyd.

The New Deal Café holds nightly events, including a Tuesday comedy night as well as music performances ranging from soothing classical to funky reggae, said Chris Lawrence, one of New Deal Café’s volunteer organizers.

The stage, a raised wooden platform in the back of a spacious room, looks out at a dozen small round tables and a small bar in the corner. Each table has a tin can in the center, which patrons are encouraged to fill with what money they can to pay the performers for their services since all shows are free to the public.

Through financial struggle, the New Deal Café has become more than a restaurant, but a shining example of the pride Greenbelt residents take in their vibrant and open community, according to Lawrence.

“This place is full of friends you haven’t met yet.”

Eli Zimmerman is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.

Letters

for them to occasionally invite a neighbor over for tea and meeting of cat(s), and potential informal, free adopting?

I suspect that some will drive 5 or 10 miles to pet a cat, as so many have enjoyed (with some obviously deeply moved) petting Kitty Ms Cat as she rides on my shoulders or in my arms here in Greenbelt.

So if a Greenbelt mini cat café were to commence showing success in terms of appreciative customers and an increased adoption rate, then perhaps the facility could eventually grow into a full-time operation which would have persons avoiding D.C.’s traffic and transit hassles while at the same time patronizing several other Greenbelt businesses.

Bill Norwood

Comic Book Class Will Be Offered

Attention aspiring comic book and manga artists, ages 9 to 12. George Kochell will lead another after-school comic book class this spring, on Wednesdays, from April 22 to June 3. Mr. Kochell (also known as Mr. Geo) is the animation instructor for the GAVA/GATe Animation Program for youth. Students in the class will create their own original comic books.

See ad on page 7 for more details or contact Barbara Simon at simongava@yahoo.com.

These classes are produced by GAVA (Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts).

We Celebrate Elaine Skolnik

The following is part of a series of vignettes about Elaine Skolnik written by her friends and colleagues over the years. They celebrate the 60-plus years Elaine has been on the staff as president of the board of directors, reporter and news editor of the Greenbelt News Review. The News Review will honor Elaine at a luncheon at the Greenbelt Marriott on Saturday, May 30. See ad below for information on how to attend the luncheon.

A Stroke of Genius

Elaine represents a stroke of genius on my part. Now you may not think to look at her that she was born full grown out of my brain, but let me tell you how it happened. Way back in the early 1950s, things were tough on the News Review. The staff had dwindled down to a very few and the funds had dwindled down to less than zero. We were in debt to the printer, advertising revenue was not enough to support the paper, and we were slowly going down the drain. In desperation, I rubbed Aladdin’s magic lamp and when the genie appeared I told him my wish.

“I wish,” I said, “I had a girl who could do lots of different things. For example, she should be able to write whatever we ask her to write, like the “Our Neighbor’s column, or take over the city council beat, or the GHI beat, or the GCS beat, or anything at all. She should be able to understand the intricacies of zoning permits and real estate development projects and write about them so the readers can understand them. She should be an organizer who could run the election campaign, who could divide the city into various areas and enlist helpers from all the districts to participate. She should be universally well-liked and respected, intelligent and articulate, as well as beautiful, charming, friendly and wholesome. In short, she should be a paragon of virtue and acumen, equally capable of helping out or taking over, willing to work all hours, day and night, and above all, totally committed to the newspaper and its sacred mission of keeping the people of Greenbelt fully informed.”

Lo and behold, the genie took the vision of Elaine right out of my mind and created her on the spot, fully formed and perfect in every respect. Thus, she is a product of my genius and I, as well as the people of Greenbelt, should get down on our knees every day and thank the genie, or whatever gods we believe in, for her presence here.

*Written by the late Harry Zubkoff
News Review Editor, 1950s*

Review

John Guernsey’s Art Shows Variety in Acrylics, Etchings

by Elizabeth Barber

A new art exhibit is adorning the walls of the New Deal Café.

John Guernsey is known to many as a musician who renders piano music at the Café on Friday and Saturday evenings, specializing in American standards a la Cole Porter and Oscar Hammerstein. Now he shows another remarkable talent in the field of visual arts, and this exhibit is not to be missed.

His works, many of them very large, are on the walls of the Café, all beautifully framed. They are a testimony to an artist who is not only gifted but has worked hard to put such an exhibition together. This show is the result of 20 years of work.

The works are done in acrylic and mixed media and his Prismacolor pencils are light-fast and will not fade.

His innovations in black and white are created with a technique using heated and waxed zinc plates. The design is etched with needles or nails. The plates are then put in a mixture of acid and water, and when the wax is rubbed off, the image appears on the plate. Then, the ink is put on the plate and the work is printed. One of his etchings, Dance Progression, uses a background of a varied design in black and white and is counterpoised with simple line-

shaped figures in the foreground.

The work entitled Road of Good Intentions shows the artist’s ability to blend both color and design. A dark blue background supports the colorful figures in the foreground, which are done with an intricate pointillist style. Guernsey explained that the theme is an allegory of the problems people have with good intentions. Soon, along the way, something intervenes, and what one intended to do has been lost and perhaps forgotten.

Another work, entitled The Second Miracle, is a statement about the complexity of life. He explained that the circles in the painting represent eternity. When asked if this painting is a reference to the biblical story of Jesus’ second miracle, Guernsey said that while he isn’t aware of the story, the subject matter does seem coincidental. This work is a complex design filled with vibrant color.

Other works in the exhibition include What’s Next, an imaginative and cheerful work; Trust Me and Perfect Couple, a sensitive blending of light- and dark-skinned races; and Modern Dancer, a stirring work with central figures rendered in shades of pink, purple, turquoise and yellow encircled by a framework of yellow and green.

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Greenbelt Museum Honors A Prominent Local Artist

by Megan Searing Young

In the month of April, the Greenbelt Museum will remember, honor and celebrate artist Benjamin Abramowitz (1917–2011), who lived and worked in Greenbelt for 60 years. Susan Abramowitz Rosenbaum, his daughter and a frequent subject in his paintings and other works of art, will present the April 2015 Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) lecture on her father’s life and legacy on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

The lecture will coincide with the unveiling of two Abramowitz paintings donated to the Greenbelt Museum by Pamela Gregory and Richard Marcus, long-time friends of the Museum. “The Greenbelt Museum is truly honored to receive the gift of these two important Benjamin Abramowitz paintings,” says Megan Searing Young, museum director. Rosenbaum is the subject of one of the paintings, a study of neighborhood children playing in a sandbox, absorbed in their imaginary world.

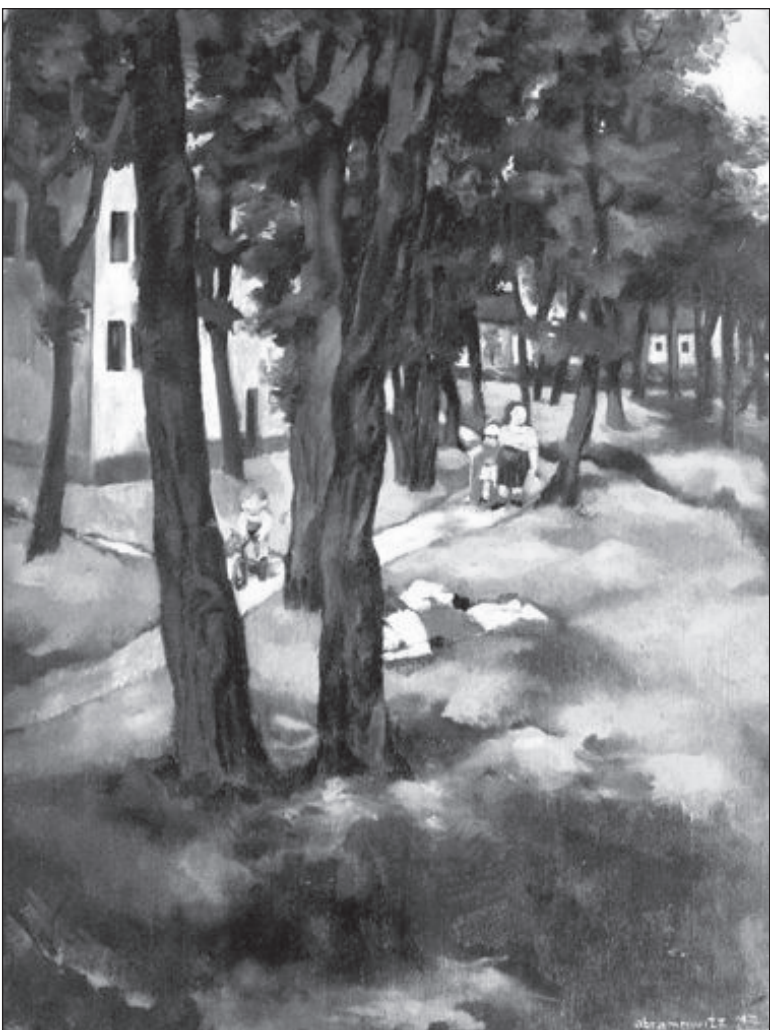
In 1917, Abramowitz was born in Brooklyn, New York, to Russian immigrants. As a young child he was enraptured by art, and in 1936 he joined the Work Projects Administration (WPA). Today, many of his WPA works are in the collections of major museums. The Metropolitan Museum in New York, for example, holds 11 lithographs by the artist as a young man.

By the time he was in his early 30s, Abramowitz had become a celebrated star in the growing Washington – Baltimore regional art scene and major regional collections, such as the Baltimore Museum of Art and the Phillips Collection, began to purchase his work. The Corcoran Gallery of Art selected his work for its biennial exhibitions and featured two major solo exhibitions. The Ford Foundation sent him throughout the country as an artist-in-residence to lecture and conduct seminars and critiques.

Prodigious Output

His output as an artist was prodigious. He created more than 7,000 works including 175 sculptures, 470 paintings, and thousands of watercolors, ink drawings, sketches and prints. In the last decades of her father’s life, Rosenbaum catalogued these works and his papers, aided by her father’s memory and his detailed notes.

Abramowitz created many pieces that depicted social issues, such as poverty, racism and the costs of war to soldiers and their families. These paintings and works on paper bristle with the passion, outrage at injustice and social consciousness of Käthe Kollwitz or Ben Shahn. Abramowitz also depicted lighter, more intimate subjects such as the people, green spaces and comfortable houses of his adopted hometown—with the bold, rich color palette and monumentality of Cezanne’s depictions of Aix-en-Provence. In Abramowitz’s later life, partly because of his deteriorating vision, he explored abstraction and color, a line of inquiry that also preoccupied painters such as Morris Louis, Kenneth Noland and other regional artists of the Washington



Parkway Apartments, 1947, by Benjamin Abramowitz. This painting is one of two to be unveiled at the April 21 lecture. Both were donated to the Museum by Greenbelt residents and museum supporters, Pamela Gregory and Richard Marcus.

Color School.

It is perhaps fitting that Abramowitz chose to live most of his life in the planned New Deal community of Greenbelt, where he raised a family and worked out of a two-story studio at the back of his home. The Greenbelt Veteran’s Cooperative – later known as Greenbelt Homes, Inc. – was not spared his sharp judgment and keen intelligence. He was widely regarded in the community as a beloved neighbor, friend, parent and teacher. He also organized the first Labor Day Festival Art Fair, a tradition that continues.

The Greenbelt Library first presented a solo exhibition of Abramowitz’s paintings and lithographs in 1944, and his paintings will enhance the collection and programming of the Greenbelt Museum, delighting visitors from Greenbelt’s early days and showing newcomers what life was like in one of the Green Towns.

“The paintings embody so much of what is important about Greenbelt, its origins as a New Deal community, which provided relief work to hundreds, just as the WPA did; its emphasis on community, and its careful integration of architecture with green space, which, among many other benefits, provided children with ample, safe places to play,” adds Searing Young.

“All of these elements are beautifully and movingly captured in these two Abramowitz paintings, and we are immensely grateful to be able to share them with the community and beyond,” she added.

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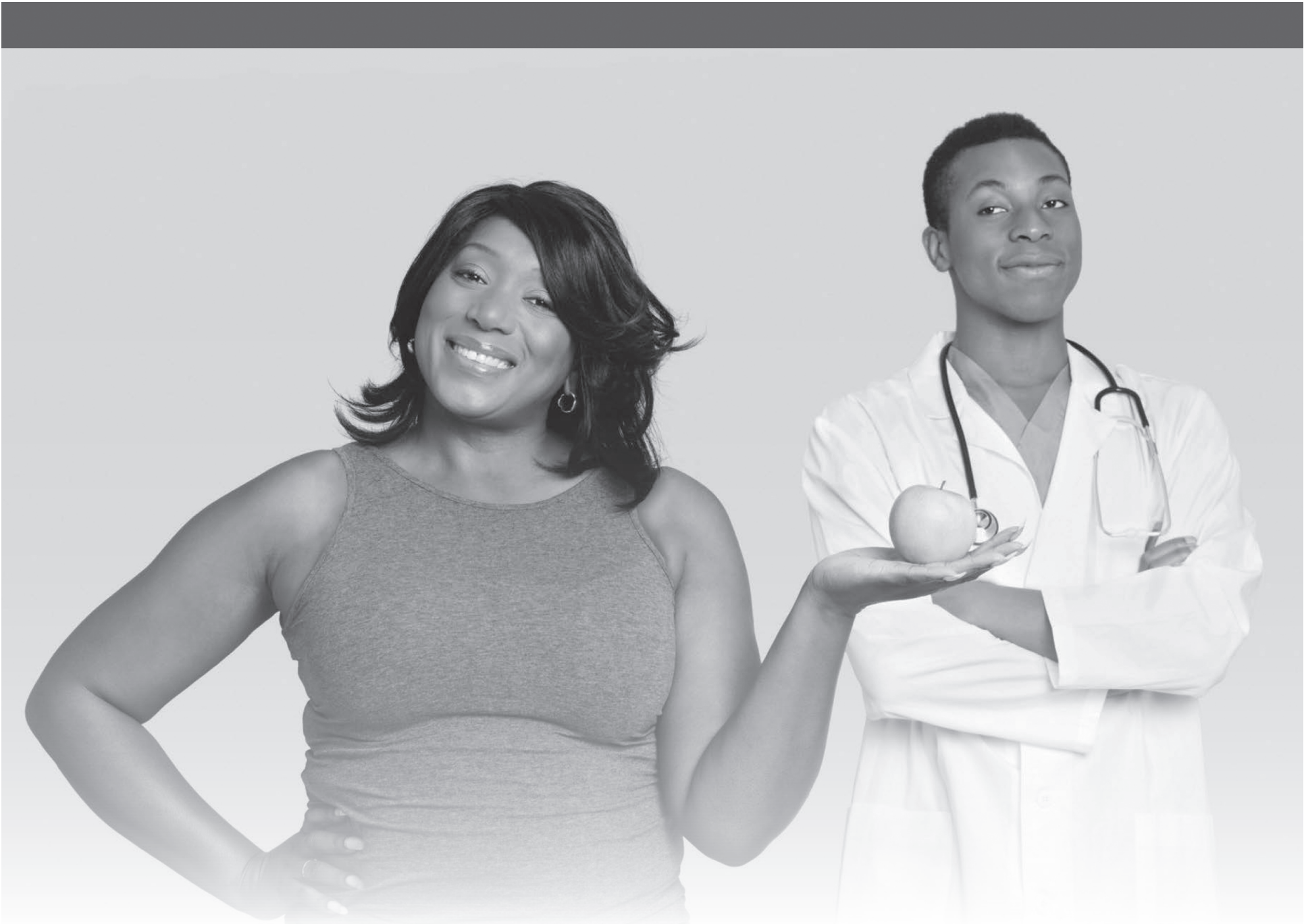
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